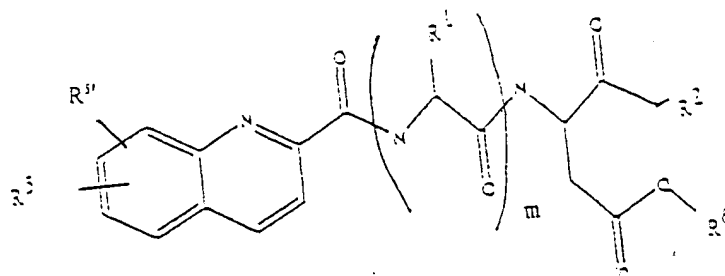


IN THE ABSTRACT:

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This invention concerns compounds and a pharmaceutical composition of the structure:

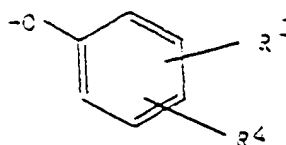
wherein:



R¹ is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, and substituted aryl which group will produce a natural amino acid structure or an unnatural amino acid structure, and the carbon adjacent to R¹ is in the D or L configuration;

R² is selected from the group consisting of

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wherein R³, and R⁴, are each selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, fluoro, chloro, carboxyl, alkoxy, alkyl carbonyl, aryl carbonyl, and amino; R⁵, and R^{5'} are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxy, fluoro, chloro, carboxy, alkoxy, alkyl carbonyl, aryl carbonyl, and amino, and R⁶ is selected from the group consisting of alkyl having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, aryl or substituted aryl, and m is 1, 2 or 3 are defined herein. These compounds as are reagents and pharmaceutical compositions have pro-drug and apoptosis properties and are useful in a variety of therapies, for diseases such as arthritis, ALS, MS, and the like.